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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

CHANG ET AL.

Examiner

Ronald Laneau

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 November 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-6 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Perkowski (US 2004/0002966).

As per claims 1-3, Perkowski teaches a website service method comprising the steps of:

(a) setting a specific demand event to be searched at one's own server, and inputting one or more website addresses or BBS addresses (page 1, [0012], lines 1-11); (b) a searching program of said server actively collecting related data and storing the data into a database (page 11, [0102] and [0103], lines 1-7 and 1-8); (c) said server analyzing the data and picking out communication information of supplier and demander (page 11, [0105], lines 1-9); (d) actively informing the supplier and the demander of the address and service items of said website to invite them to enter said website (page 3, [0026], lines 1-7); (e) the supplier and the demander connecting to the Internet to enter said website after being informed (page 3, [0025], lines 1-10); (f) the supplier and the demander performing registering, and inputting article data or demand conditions (page 13, [0129], lines 1-5); (g) said website performing relational mating of supply and demand and displaying the mating result (page 3, [0024], lines 1-10). Perkowski does not teach informing

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said website to delete a piece of article data and/or demand conditions after the requirements of supply and demand are met but it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to utilize a software that can automatically request that article of data advertising a particular item be deleted after the deal is done for said item as claimed because it would allow the service provider to stop advertising an item that is already taken by getting said advertised item out of view of others as to avoid conflict for one item, and the examiner takes the Official notice as such.

As per claims 4-6, Perkowski teaches a website service method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the communication information in said Step (c) can be email addresses, telephone numbers, or fax data, wherein the way of actively informing the supplier and the demander in said Step (d) can be sending emails via an email server, or informing via voicemail or fax, wherein if the requirements of the supplier and the demander are not met in said Step (h), said website will send electronic newspapers, emails, ICQ messages, voicemails, or faxes to inform the supplier and the demander of required information (page 13, [0129], lines 14-20).

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- Perkowski (US 2004/0019535) teaches an internet-based consumer product kiosk for installation within a retail environment.
- Kramer (US 2003/0182392) teaches methods and systems for providing access to an application wherein the invention enables the publishing of a graphical user interface

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application on the web in a manner so that they can be discovered by manual or automatic searches.

- Chang (US 2004/0018838) teaches a method and device for implementing portable guide and guard system.
- Perkowski (US 2003/0158792) teaches a system and method for managing and serving consumer product related information over the internet.
- Perkowski (US 5,950,173) teaches a system and method for delivering consumer product related information to consumers within retail environments using internet-based information servers and sales agent.
- Brown et al (US 2003/0093436) teach an invocation of web services from a database.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ronald Laneau whose telephone number is (703) 305-3973. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri from 8:30am - 6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Olszewski can be reached on (703) 308-5183. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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